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## WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members

FROM: Carl Osaki, Member

RE: The Department of Ecology's Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxin Strategy

## **Background and Summary:**

The Department of Ecology has been working on a strategy to reduce the amount of Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxins (PBTs) in the environment. This proposal is currently under consideration as a part of the Governor's budget. The Environmental Health subcommittee recognizes the importance of this proposal and the implications of this strategy for public health. Lending support to the Department of Ecology in efforts to promote its PBT strategy is currently under consideration as one of the future priority projects for the Board's Environmental Health subcommittee. The presentation is intended to inform Board members about Ecology's PBT strategy and the public health issues associated with it.

## **Recommended Board Motions:**

No action recommended.